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There were 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending May 14, 1995. The main farming activities, according to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, for the week included: planting cotton, soybeans, rice and sorghum. Most corn acreage has been planted. Some cotton is being replanted due to unfavorable weather conditions. There have been some reports of high counts in boll weevil traps. Thrips are showing up in older cotton that was stressed due to cold, wet weather.

Progress in Percentages					Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	1995	1994	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Planted	98	97	83	0	7	27	50	16
	Emerged	93	95	77					
Cotton	Planted	66	95	62	5	15	39	36	5
	Emerged	51	84	46					
Rice	Planted	96	99	61	0	4	17	71	8
	Emerged	86	85	43					
Sorghum	Planted	74	75	59	0	5	23	70	2
	Emerged	65	59	49					
Soybeans	Planted	37	39	16	0	4	26	67	3
	Emerged	31	33	12					
Wheat	Mature	15	17	22	0	10	40	42	8
Hay	Harvested	22	22	16	0	1	32	50	17
Peanuts	Planted	75	89	43	0	0	83	17	0
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	8	4	18	0	0	53	29	18
Watermelons	Planted	85	91	82	0	0	35	49	16
Blueberries					0	3	22	59	16
Cattle					0	3	25	60	12
Pasture					0	6	30	55	9

Soil Moisture in Percentages								
Condition	Very Short	0	Short	6	Adequate	78	Surplus	16

County Agent Comments

"More fieldwork was completed this week than in the past month. Early planted cotton and soybeans are struggling to survive. Hopefully, warm, sunny weather will follow this week's planting to promote rapid germination and emergence of the crops."

— Ronald L. Jones, Marshall County

"Most producers have completed cotton planting. Boll weevil trap counts are extremely high as anticipated. Commercial corn producers have completed their planting. Night temperatures have just recently reached high enough temperatures to benefit crops."

— Don Schmidt, Leake County

"Farmers have had to do some replanting of cotton, but not as much as originally thought. Thrips showing up on older cotton that was stressed due to cold weather and packing rains. High temperatures and relative humidity could impact older plantings."

— Harry R. Smith, Leflore County

"Warmer temperatures and sunshine have benefitted emerging crops, especially cotton. Thrips are moving from drying grass and wheat into cotton."

— John A. Dickerson, Sunflower County

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Weather Summary From May 8, 1995 to May 14, 1995 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	91	56	73	70	+3	0.10	-0.97	2	5.31	80	61	71	0.13
Cleveland	91	54	73			0.13		1	4.26				
Tunica	91	50	71	69	+2	0.35	-0.94	1	4.86	85	62	72	0.20
Extreme/Average	91	50	72	70	+3	0.19	-0.99	1	4.81	85	61	72	0.17
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	89	47	70	66	+4	0.05	-1.26	1	4.28	83	60	73	0.24
Memphis	88	51	73	70	+3	0.05	-0.95	2	4.63				
Oxford	90	47	72	67	+5	0.00	-1.62	0	5.18				
Extreme/Average	90	47	72	68	+4	0.03	-1.28	1	4.70	83	60	73	0.24
3. Northeast													
Booneville	86	52	71	67	+3	0.57	-0.74	1	5.49				
Corinth	89	49	73	69	+4	0.70	-0.12	1	5.97				
Iuka	86	47	70			0.74		1	7.02				
Pontotoc	88	52	72	68	+4	0.49	-0.86	3	7.63	84	62	74	0.24
Tupelo	87	52	74	69	+5	0.27	-1.13	2	6.73				
Verona	90	53	73			0.48		2	6.80	82	59	72	0.25
Extreme/Average	90	47	72	68	+4	0.54	-0.68	2	6.61	84	59	73	0.24
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	91	54	74	72	+3	0.20	-1.00	1	9.67	90	70	80	
Greenwood	92	54	76	71	+5	0.05	-1.02	1	8.98				
Rolling Fork	92	57	74			0.33	-0.74	1	10.81	92	73	81	0.21
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	91	57	75	72	+3	0.26	-1.08	1	11.49				
Extreme/Average	92	54	75	72	+3	0.21	-0.98	1	10.24	92	70	81	0.21
5. Central													
Carthage	88	57	73	69	+4	0.35	-0.90	2	9.99				
Jackson	89	60	74	71	+3	0.53	-0.65	1	8.13				
Winona	87	48	70	67	+3	0.15	-1.22	1	3.87				
Extreme/Average	89	48	72	69	+3	0.34	-0.93	1	7.33				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	91	58	78			0.14	-0.98	1	5.49	89	64	77	
Columbus	90	56	76			0.22		2	6.50				
State University	87	53	72	70	+3	0.51	-0.64	1	4.87	85	64	75	
Extreme/Average	91	53	75	70	+6	0.29	-0.85	1	5.62	89	64	76	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs						0.00		0	6.88				
Natchez	89	61	75	72	+2	2.71	+1.61	4	8.71				
Oakley	89	59	75			1.18	-0.22	1	12.21	91	68	78	
Vicksburg	89	60	74			0.98		1	10.30				
Extreme/Average	89	59	75	72	+2	1.22	-0.03	2	9.53	91	68	78	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	89	63	76	73	+4	5.00	+3.64	4	7.15				
McComb	90	62	76	71	+5	4.64	+3.39	3	9.05				
Extreme/Average	90	62	76	72	+4	4.82	+3.51	4	8.10				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	89	60	74			1.42		2	4.58	95	69	79	
Hattiesburg	88	63	76	72	+4	2.71	+1.27	3	6.42				
Laurel	87	62	74	71	+3	1.50	-0.04	3	4.77				
Meridian	90	63	77	70	+7	0.95	-0.25	1	7.41				
Newton	89	59	75	70	+5	0.46	-0.48	1	6.50	83	65	74	0.18
Extreme/Average	90	59	75	71	+4	1.41	+0.13	2	5.94	95	65	77	0.18
10. Coastal													
Bay St. Louis	89	65	76			16.91		4	23.53				
Biloxi	84	69	77	74	+3	15.98	+14.7	5	19.17				
Gulfport	82	65	75	74	+1	8.93	+7.84	4	13.11				
Pascagoula	83	64	75	74	+1	4.91	+3.50	5	7.43				
Poplarville	89	64	76	73	+3	5.35	+3.99	4	9.13	92	73	79	0.13
Extreme/Average	89	64	76	74	+2	10.42	+9.16	4	14.47	92	73	79	0.13
State	92	47	74	71	+4	1.95	+0.71	2	7.74	95	59	76	0.20

Abbreviations: DFN = Departure from Normal

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